

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 30-54 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-18, 20, 22, 24-28, 30-38, 40-49, and 51-54 are allowed. Claims 4, 13, 19, 21, 23, 39 and 50 are rejected. Claim 3 has been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 4, 19 and 50 have been amended to clarify the invention. Claims 1-28 and 30-54 are pending in the present application. For the reasons set forth fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-18, 20, 22, 24-28, 30-38, 40-49, 51 and 52. In the previous Office Action dated July 5, 2005, claims 53 and 54 were allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 53 and 54 are allowable.

Applicant requests a one month extension of time from March 23, 2006 to April 22, 2006 to respond to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

The Examiner states:

Claims 4, 13, 19, 21, 23, 39 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 4 and 50 state "and the like"; claims 13, 21, 23 and 39 state "obfuscated"; claim 19 states "possibly embedded" the claimed feature is has no limitation since it can employ any number under any context.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the phrase "and the like", claims 4 and 50 have been amended by replacing "stack, heap, global variables, register, program counter and the like," with "execution state". The phrase "execution state" is well-supported in the Disclosure of the Invention (lines 8-19 on page 3 of the PCT specification).

Claims 13, 21, 23 and 39 remain unchanged despite the objection to the term "obfuscated". As this term is used extensively throughout the specification, Applicant believes that there is ample basis for a clear interpretation of this word.

In claim 19, the term "possibly embedded" as been deleted.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states:

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-18, 20, 22, 24-28, 30-38, 40-49 and 51, 52 are allowed.

As above stated, Applicant appreciates Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-18, 20, 22, 24-28, 30-38, 40-49 and 52-53. Claims 53 and 54 were allowed in the previous Office Action, dated July 5, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 53 and 54 are allowable.

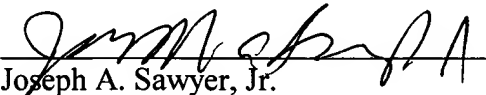
Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-28 and 30-54 as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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